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1. CURRENT SEPTTEL PROVIDES ITINERARIES, AS OF OCTOBER 16, OF SUBJECT MISSION AND GOVERNOR BLANTON'S SEPARATE CONTEMPORANEOUS VENTURE. FURTHER TO PARAS 4 AND 5 OF SEPTTEL, AND SOLELY TO INDICATE SENSITIVITY OF TENNESSEE OFFICIALS TO WHAT THEY MISTAKENLY REGARD AS UNNECESSARY EMBASSY "MEDDLING", WE WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF SEGMENT OF RICE/PALMER OCTOBER 16 TELCON.

2. ACCORDING TO RICE, KATABA AL-GHANIM, "WHO HAS PUR-
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CHASED A COMPANY IN TENNESSEE" WAS GOING TO HOST AND

COORDINATE THE GOVERNOR'S KUWAIT VISIT. BUT "WITHIN MINUTES" OF THE EMBASSY'S BEING INFORMED OF THIS BY TENNESSEE ADVANCE PARTY, AN EMBOFF CALLED AL-GHANIM REGARDING COORDINATION OF THE LATTER'S AND EMBASSY'S PLANS FOR RECEPTIONS. RESULT: AL-GHANIM "PULLED OUT". PALMER DEEMED EMBASSY'S ACTION WELL ADVISED AND NOTED KUWAITI UNSURPASSED REPUTATION IN NEA FOR EFFICACIOUS SERVICING OF BUSINESS-ORIENTED VISITORS. RICE THEN BACKED OFF, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SITUATION RE KUWAIT VISIT ARRANGEMENTS

HAD IMPROVED, BUT ASKED US TO BEAR IN MIND THIS "EXAMPLE OF NEED TO BE SENSITIVE TO OUR (TENNESSEE) RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL CONTACTS." KISSINGER

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